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SUBJ: CSCE: RADIO BROADCASTING

REF: A. GENEVA 3573; B. GENEVA 3829; C. GENEVA 3994

1. FOLLOWING UP ON LATEST SOVIET VERSION OF BROADCASTING TEXT (PARA 4 OF REF A), WE ASKED SOVIET BASKET III CHIEF DUBININ IN PRIVATE MEETING JUNE 2 HOW THEIR TEXT WOULD READ AFTER NEW FLEXIBILITY, INDICATED IN REPLY TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE (SEE PARA 4C OF REF C), IS APPLIED TO IT. DUBININ THEN PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING TEXT, WHICH DERIVES FROM MOST RECENT SOVIET TEXT BUT OMITTS DIRECT MENTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BROADCASTS:

QUOTE: THE PARTICIPATING STATES TAKE NOTE OF THE EXPANSION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO, AND BELIEVE THAT RADIO BROADCASTS TO OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES ARE CALLED UPON TO ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE. UNQUOTE.

2. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH FRG REP, WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY WHICH MIGHT BE INTRODUCED ON THE BASIS OF LATEST WESTERN TEXT ON BROADCASTING, WHICH WOULD PERMIT FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WITHOUT COMPROMISING FRG POSITION (SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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REF B). FRG REP AGREED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS

SOME SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING WESTERN TEXT MIGHT GRADUALLY BE INTRODUCED, AND THAT TEXT COULD EVENTUALLY READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE BROADENING OF DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO WILL CONTINUE, AND THE BELIEF THAT RADIO BROADCASTS TO OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. UNQUOTE.

3. WHILE THESE TWO TEXTS ARE QUITE CLOSE THERE ARE STILL SOME IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM:

(A) WEST WANTS TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT PRESENT SITUATION WILL CONTINUE, WHILE SOVIETS WANT ONLY TO NOTE PRESENT SITUATION;
(B) WEST WANTS TO SAY BROADCASTS ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WHILE SOVIETS PREFER "ARE CALLED UPON TO ASSIST", A PHRASE WHICH TO OUR MINDS STILL IMPLIES RESPONSIBILITY;
(C) SOVIETS WANT TO ADD NOTION OF PEACE, WHICH COULD GIVE THEM A LEVER TO COMPLAIN IF THEY THINK BROADCASTS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE.

4. IN VIEW OF THESE DIFFERENCES AND DIFFICULTY OF DEALING FRANKLY WITH DUBININ, WE WOULD PLAN TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD TEXT QUOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WHILE WORKING TO ELIMINATE UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS OF SOVIET TEXT QUOTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.DALE

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